

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 699

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James McDonald “Mack” Smith of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of James McDonald “Mack” Smith; and

WHEREAS, a life long leader in the Nashville business community, Mr. Smith was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in East Nashville, Mr. Smith attended public schools before graduating from Peabody Demonstration School and finishing his education at East High School; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, he launched his first of many businesses, a drive-in market known as Smith’s Fruit Stand; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Smith owned and operated a variety of businesses, including markets, car lots, garages, auto salvage yards, and package stores; at one time or another, he fulfilled almost every need in his community through these numerous ventures; and

WHEREAS, his success in business was a direct result of his commitment to quality products and exceptional customer service; and

WHEREAS, well-known for his love of Nashville politics, Mack Smith always endeavored to help those in need by appealing to his friends in public service; and

WHEREAS, he regularly showed his support for political candidates through his “ole fashion watermelon feast” that he hosted on his Woodland Street car lot property in East Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his support of various political candidates, Mr. Smith devoted his time and talent as a member of the Metro Fair Board for four five-year terms and served as its chairman for his last twelve years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Metro Fair Board, he never once missed a meeting and managed to build a reserve of over \$6 million in surplus funds; and

WHEREAS, Mack Smith enjoyed fifty-five years of matrimonial bliss with his loving and supportive wife, Alice Mai Hulan; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, who will fondly remember him as the kind and inspiring patriarch of the Smith family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of honor and integrity in public service, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the many accomplishments and contributions of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James McDonald “Mack” Smith, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.